

# **Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge**

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## **Volunteer Job Description for Education and Interpretation Assistant**

**Position Purpose:** The future of National Wildlife Refuges and other conservation lands lies in the awareness and advocacy of current and future generations of Americans. Education and Interpretation Assistants serve the public by leading and assisting with a variety of formal and informal programs targeted at all ages.

### **Duties**

- Develops and conducts a variety of interpretive and environmental education programs focusing on the refuge's lands and waters
- Assists with outreach events, off-site festivals, and classroom visits
- Provides a safe, positive, and informational experience to the visiting public
- Assists with the development of routes and ideas for guided tours and walks
- Maintains educational equipment and program supplies
- Additional special projects and duties may be requested and may include weekend work.

### **Qualifications**

- Public speaking, sign language, teaching, working with people, visitor information
- All visitor services positions are highly interactive with the public. Volunteer must have strong oral communication, patience, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn and answer questions. The position may require you to work independently or as a team.
- A background or interest in conservation, natural history, ecology, biology or birding is helpful. All visitor services positions are highly interactive with the public
- Willingness to obtain knowledge and understanding of nature, ecology, habitats, adaptations, wildlife, plants, and birds with the ability to quickly learn local ecosystems, common flora and fauna, and local and migratory birds which use the refuge

**Training:** Training for this position will be provided by a refuge staff member.

**Work Environment:** Some work is indoors but other duties may require a willingness to adapt to varying levels of outdoor weather including some sun, humidity, rain, and wind exposure. May be walking or driving on rough, uneven, terrain.

**Work Schedule:** Volunteers will be scheduled in advance to assist with special events, educational programs, and interpretative walks and tours.

**Age Requirement:** You must be at least 18 years old and successfully complete a Defensive Driving Training to drive a refuge vehicle.